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Eight proposals of amendment to the constitution of Vermont are to be voted upon at the coming town meeting. Some of the more important ones are noted by a correspondent in another column of this issue. The proposals should be read and considered by all voters.

That forbidding scourge of the trees, the brown-tail moth, has, it is reported, been discovered in Norwich, White River Junction, Deywys Mills and Quechee. If this is true, and it is not improbable that the plague has strayed over the Massachusetts line, some advice on what to do from the state's tree specialists would be very timely. Preventive measures are possible at any time. Doubtless the only evidence of the presence of pests now is their nests, and if there is any efficiency in a midwinter attack upon them it should be begun at once.

Vermont Taking the Lead.

Windsor county led the way in Vermont, and we understand that Windsor was the first county in New England to secure an agricultural advisor. Windham has taken the same forward step; Bennington, Caledonia, Orange, Franklin, Washington and Lamoille are falling into line, and every one of Vermont's fourteen counties should do the same. Give some credit—much of it—for the extension of this movement to the Greater Vermont association. It seems to be the busiest, and most helpful and wide-awake organization that ever started out to stir up the state to do things.

As Mr. James P. Taylor of Burlington, the enthusiastic secretary of the association, says, the crying need in agriculture at present is the hiring of experts to advise the farmer in regard to the work on his own land. Counties that will organize and meet certain requirements may secure aid in financing their project for two years \$2400 from the government of the United States and \$100 from the crop improvement committee of the Council of Grain Exchanges.

In the West and South the work is not new, and its results have been notably successful. There is no reason why it should not be successful in Vermont.

And then good roads. Mr. Dodge, the government expert who is speaking in Vermont and is coming to Woodstock, maintains that good roads have an appreciable effect on health, happiness, education, religion and morals—which is putting the case mildly enough, even for an enthusiast on the subject. Good roads are the last thing upon which the state, counties and towns should stint their expenditures and there is nothing which will return a greater or more lasting profit.

PLYMOUTH UNION

Little more snow and colder. No rain so far this month.

Miss Cecil Tarbel has returned to her home.

Burt Moore's injured ankle is getting better.

Miss Curtis of Bridgewater was here over Sunday, and held service in the evening.

We have not learned of any more cases of measles. Those that have had them are quite well again.

Mrs. George Woodburn and Mrs. Lindsey Hall went to Ludlow Monday.

This is a fine winter day, Wednesday.

Maynard Brown and Carlos Johnson have gone to Ludlow.

Death of Joaquin Miller.

Joaquin Miller, known as the "Poet of the Sierras," died Monday at his home in Piedmont foothills, Cal. His daughter, Juanita, and his wife were with him. He had been in failing health for two years and unconscious since last Thursday, but had been confined to bed six weeks.

The Biggest Pension Bill.

The largest pension bill ever reported to Congress, carrying appropriations aggregating \$180,300,000, was passed by the House on Tuesday by a vote of 219 to 40, with an amendment which will make necessary an additional appropriation of more than \$1,000,000.

A WORD TO VOTERS.

Attention Called to Proposed Constitutional Changes Which Are to Be Voted Upon at Town Meeting.

Proposals of amendment to the constitution of Vermont have been printed in the recent issues of our local papers; these proposals are to be in print at the coming town meeting for the vote of the people. Every voter should have a copy of the Constitution of Vermont and by looking up the references given in the proposals, in the original articles, can easily note the changes, and make up his mind as to how he should vote.

If you approve of the change proposed put your cross in the "yes" square, if not then in the square marked "no."

It is possible that many voters have not noticed these proposals in the papers, and it so do not know that they will have the privilege of voting directly on them at the coming March meeting; therefore this notice that you may be prepared. It is worth while to note that this is the form of the "Referendum," and as all the principal parties had the "Initiative, Referendum and Recall" plank in their platforms in the last campaign, it will without doubt be the method of lawmaking sometime in the future. As soon as the people recognize the importance of this method, in relation to their direct influence in lawmaking, the demand will be so strong it will soon be in force. Now one lawmaker represents thousands of the people, and it is a fact in many cases he represents but a small percent of them; the whole people of the State must be governed by laws which in many cases represent the interest and prosperity of a small number of people, and laws are in force at present which if submitted to a popular vote by the people would be put out of existence.

In Article 11, the proposal is that if a bill has passed both Houses and been vetoed by the Governor, it may become a law if it is again passed through both houses by a two-thirds vote of those "present." Why should it not require a majority or two-thirds vote of all the members of each house to pass it? The word "present" weakens the power of the Governor's veto and makes it possible for a minority vote to represent the people.

To illustrate the value of a "Referendum" law with a subject familiar to nearly everyone in the State and especially so in this and neighboring towns, the deer law could be taken. This law has been freely criticised for years past and has undoubtedly been unpopular with most of the people. Some of the laws which were in force for several years proved to be unconstitutional. It is reported that as a redress people in different parts of the State formed secret clubs with an agreement to kill deer at any time of year and if one of the members was caught, to apportion to each member his share of the expense. This would be called "Direct Action" and is opposed by all people who give it careful thought. A sensible remedy would be by "Political Action," i.e., these people who would like different laws to or arise politically and peacefully and demand laws that would serve a larger number of the people more to their satisfaction. With the "Initiative and Referendum" in force there is no question as to the satisfactory results to be obtained on this and many other subjects.

F. J. Perkins

NORTH POMFRET

Miss Rachel Thatcher's school in North Troy closed Friday and she came home Tuesday.

E. A. Spear and wife were callers in town Tuesday.

Miss Josephine E. Dana was a week-end visitor at her home.

Ed Wheeler is sick at the home of his son and is attended by Dr. McIntire.

Gustav Melendy accompanied his son Frank and family to their home in Iowa, starting Monday.

Mr. Chavell returned Sunday from the hospital and has gone to stay awhile with his daughter, Mrs. Lewis Squires.

WEST HARTFORD.

Mrs. George Baker is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. R. C. Munsell.

Elizabeth Munsell spent last week with friends in White River Junction.

W. O. Stetson is much better and the nurse has returned to Burlington.

Mrs. E. L. Spaulding has been on the sick list the past week.

Miss Marie Spaulding celebrated

her birthday Saturday by inviting the choir to spend the evening with her. She received many presents, among them a nice locket and chain from the choir.

Miss Mary Moore visited her sister, Mrs. C. S. Dimick, the first of the week.

Everyone has been busy this week filling their ice houses.

Mrs. H. R. Holden visited her aunt, Mrs. R. C. Munsell, recently.

THE LEGISLATURE

TAXATION BILL PASSED.

Probably the most important piece of legislation passed by the legislature was enacted on Tuesday. Vermont, at last, after many months of struggle, has a taxation reform measure that promises some relief from the inequalities and injustice of the present system.

The bill that has finally been enacted is H. 145, introduced originally by Mr. Clayton, but so amended as to be practically a new measure. In the form in which the bill was finally passed it provides for the exemption from taxation of money loaned at less than 5 per cent and also for the abolition of all offsets. When the House passed the measure the exemption was for money loaned at 4 1/2 per cent. This was amended by the Senate which fixed 5 per cent, as the rate determining the exemption, and in this, after a spirited debate, the House finally concurred.

DIRECT ELECTIONS APPROVED.

The Senate on Wednesday reconsidered its action of Tuesday and passed the bill providing for a state board of conciliation and arbitration, and also passed a primary election law. Both these matters were promised in the republican platform but have been ignored until this time. The amendment to the federal constitution providing for the popular election of senators has been ratified by both houses.

NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Governor Fletcher has named as members of the board of education John M. Thomas, president of Middlebury college; H. D. Ryder, representative from Rockingham; Col. F. S. Billings, representative from Woodstock; S. F. H. Brooks of St. Johnsbury; and Guy Potter Benton, president of the University of Vermont. The appointments were promptly confirmed by the Senate.

Among the bills which were signed by the governor on Wednesday, is the tax bill, H. 145, which was passed by both branches of the general assembly and was in the governor's hands but a short time. The announcement of the passage of the bill was enthusiastically received in the house.

The House has killed the so-called "dope" bill, relating to the sale of hypnotic and narcotic drugs.

A third reading was ordered on the Senate bill to prohibit the hunting of elk. Mr. Ryder of Rockingham moved to include bull moose, but Mr. Vaughan of Randolph said moose can take care of themselves, and the gentleman from Rockingham withdrew his motion.

GOV. FLETCHER'S APPOINTMENTS.

Gov. Fletcher has appointed Robert W. McCuen of Vergennes, Franklin S. Billings of Woodstock, Redfield Proctor of Proctor and George B. Drury of Essex Junction as members of the commission to investigate the advisability of the state's participation in the Panama exposition at San Francisco. The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state are members ex officio of the commission.

The governor has designated Charles A. Watson as chairman of the board of public commission.

\$125,000 FIRE.

Plant of the Shepard & Morse Lumber Co. at Burlington Destroyed.

Burlington suffered its most disastrous fire in many years on Wednesday when fire destroyed the plant of the Shepard & Morse Lumber company, entailing a loss which is estimated at \$125,000. Besides the two mills of the company, two million feet of lumber were burned.

The fire caught in the dry-kiln at 7:30 o'clock and spread very rapidly. The insurance was placed in Massachusetts companies, and the amount is not known at present.

Bennington is on the honor roll of the annual report of the Playground and Recreation Association of America as one of 59 cities in this country and Canada that carry on recreation with an employed worker throughout the year.

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WINDSOR COUNTY COURT

DECEMBER TERM 1912.

Hon. Wm. H. Taylor, Presiding Judge
Hon. Chas. H. Maxham, Assistant Judge
Hon. Milo S. Buck, Clerk
Jay Reed, Penitentiary
Saml. A. Penbury, Assistant Clerk
James H. Kirby, Sheriff
Paul C. Tinkham, High Bailiff
John H. Minnis, Stenographer
Fred K. O. Southgate, Probation Officer

Court adjourned the December term Wednesday morning.

In the case of Lizzie A. Heath vs. George E. Heath, of Springfield, divorce was granted for intolerable and refusal to support.

The divorce cases of Annie M. Thorburn vs. John R. Thorburn and Frank E. Harlow vs. Katherine G. Harlow, were continued.

Pasquale Martignetti, a section man on the railroad in Bethel pleaded guilty to breaking into a railroad car, on the 28th of last October, and stealing six pair of lumbermen's robbers, some cloth and stockings, all to the value of \$20. The goods were found in grips belonging to him and his brother, Rafael, and each had a gold watch which they did not own; done up in a stocking. Pasquale was sentenced to state's prison for two to three years; a plea of insanity will be made in the case of the other respondent, and in the meantime he is committed to the Vermont state hospital at Waterbury for observation.

An information was filed against L. A. Gerling of various cities and towns in the east and middle west. He is charged with passing a bad check in Hartland and obtaining \$100 in real money and goods from W. D. Spaulding. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the state prison for three to five years and to pay a fine of \$100 and costs of prosecution.

Roy Carpenter, a Boston drug clerk who pleaded guilty to shooting a deer out of season, was fined \$100 and placed in the hands of the probation officer.

BRIDGEWATER.

Mrs. E. A. Davis will entertain the Ladies' Aid Society next week Wednesday.

Lewis Alger has work in Woodstock and will move there soon.

The Mothers' meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Mrs. E. C. Solger's.

Frank Moore, who has been ill with pneumonia and resulting complications, passed away Monday morning. The funeral was held at the church at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Walter Stevens and Napoleon Jasmine are at work in the mill dye house.

The victims of measles are recovering, but a dozen or more new cases are reported since last week.

DEATH OF BEZAELEL WOOD.

Bezalel Wood, who died Feb. 13, was a well known veteran of the civil war. He was born in Ira, but has lived on his farm in this town for 40 years or more. He enlisted August, 1862, in Co. A, Third Vermont volunteers, a regiment which saw as much hard service as any command in the Vermont brigade. He was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness, and was mustered out June 19, 1865. His wife survives him, and he leaves two granddaughters, Mrs. Bert Chase of Woodstock, and Mrs. Elbridge Palmer of Mount Vernon, N. Y. L. E. Wevmouth of Woodstock is a son-in-law. The funeral was held Monday, Rev. H. L. Canfield officiating.

It took the wife of a college professor, Mrs. George P. Jackson of Evanston, Ill., to challenge the right of a butcher to trim meat after it has been weighed and paid for, and to keep the shrinkage. Mrs. Jackson weighed her purchase after reaching home, and found that two pounds of meat had been cut away. She caused the arrest of the man who served her, who proved to be only a helper, and so the magistrate dismissed the man, but advised Mrs. Jackson to sue the proprietor. It is to be hoped that she will pursue the matter, which is of interest as wide as the country.—Springfield Republican.

BARNARD

A play entitled, "The Missing Miss Miller," will be given by the Library club Thursday evening, Feb. 27.

Charles Aikens, aged 80 years, has received an increase of pension to \$30 a month.

Robert Linko of Providence, R. I., is the guest of F. M. Chase.

Louis Latuche drew into C. E. F. O. Burr's mill yard in Stowe from the highest point of William M. Barker's lumber job on the Sterling range. Friday, two fresh logs that contained 450 and 385 feet of lumber.

HARTLAND.

THE TOWN WILL BE 150 YEARS OLD IN MAY—THE ANNIVERSARY SHOULD BE CELEBRATED.

Do the people of Hartland realize that next May will be the 150th anniversary of the settlement of the town by Timothy Lull? Surely an anniversary of this sort should not pass without some suitable celebration. Such a celebration need not necessarily be held in May, but could be held Bennington Battle day, August 16, a legal holiday in Vermont. The celebration could well consist of an old home day, on which the sons and daughters of Hartland would return to their native town and tell of the days of old; there could be an exhibition of historical relics and antiques relating to the town. One or more persons well versed in the history could relate interesting events connected with the town, especially to the benefit of the younger generation who know them not.

The history of the town has never been published, except in state or county histories. Unfortunately the manuscript of the history of the town written years ago by the late Hampden Cutts, together with other Windsor county manuscripts which were to appear in the final volume of Miss Henenway's gazetteer was destroyed by fire last fall.

So far as known, there is no other copy of Mr. Cutts' manuscript in existence (at least his family know of none). It is thus time that the facts of the early history of Hartland should be collected and preserved for future generations. The older generations who knew these early interesting events are fast passing away and unfortunately the younger generation does not have the same keen interest in the town's history.

The story of Timothy Lull ought to be known by every school child, yet many of them are doubtless unfamiliar with his name, and deeds.

Hartland was chartered July 10, 1761, as Hertford, a name altered to Hartland June 15, 1782. Not until nearly two years later did Timothy Lull, the first settler, arrive in town. At this time there was no settlement between Charlestown, N. H., then known as No. 4, and Newbury. At there was no road north of Charlestown, the only approach to the town was by the way of the Connecticut river. It is said that Timothy Lull and his wife and four children came from Dummerston, in a log canoe. This canoe also contained all the family furniture, which necessarily must have been very little. Probably none of it today is left for the lover of old-time things. I believe, however, that some of his later possessions are still owned in town. At the mouth of the brook now known by his name, Lull landed and in the presence of his family broke a bottle, and thus named the brook. He went up the brook to the location of the present village of Hartland, and there made his home. When Timothy Lull, Jr., was born, December, 1764, the nurse was drawn on a sled on the ice up the river from Charlestown by Mr. Lull.

There are doubtless other traditions and facts about Lull and other early families to be found in old diaries and letters, or which have come to the present generation by tradition, all of which should be preserved.

There are many other interesting events connected with the early history of the town, such as the riots of October and November, 1786, when armed men from Hartland under the leadership of Robert Morrison, a blacksmith, threatened to prevent the holding of the courts at Windsor, and as a result of this violence the capture of twenty-seven of the men at Captain Lull's house in Hartland and their punishment by fines.

Another interesting fact is that Captain Caleb Hendricks, an early settler, came to town with two slaves, Caesar Brockley and his brother. It has been stated that slaves were never owned in Vermont, but such is not the case. There were a few slaves in the territory now known as Vermont, when that territory was claimed by New York and New Hampshire, but when Vermont adopted the constitution in 1777, slavery was prohibited. Vermont has the distinction and honor of being the first state to prohibit slavery by its constitution.

"The Uncle Remus Memorial association," Atlanta, has bought and will preserve as a memorial the home of the late Joel Chandler Harris.

In Seville, the chief support of Spain, flour costs nearly \$10 a barrel at retail in small quantities. Oranges are less than a cent apiece.

Estate of Mary A. Regan.

STATE OF VERMONT. The Hon. District of Hartford ss. Probate Court for the District afore-

said: To the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of Mary A. Regan, late of Barnard, in said District, deceased:

Greeting: Whereas, application has been made to this court by writing, by the Administrator, with will annexed, praying for license and authority to sell all of real estate of said deceased, for the payment of debts and charges of administration, acting forth, therein the amount of debts due from said deceased, the charges of administration, and the amount of personal estate and the situation of the real estate.

Whereupon, the said Court appointed and assigned the 10th day of March, 1913, at the Probate Office in Woodstock in said District, to hear and decide upon said application and petition, and ordered public notice thereof to be given to all persons interested therein, by publishing said order together with the time and place of hearing, three weeks successively in the Spirit of the Age, a newspaper which circulates in the neighborhood of those persons interested in said estate, all which publications shall be previous to the day assigned for hearing.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court, at the time and place assigned, then and there in said Court to make your objections to the granting of such license, if you see cause.

Given under my hand, at Woodstock, in said District, this 13th day of February, 1913.

Fred K. C. Southgate, Judge.

NORTH HARTLAND

The funeral of Mrs. Russell Unwin, who died at the Hanover hospital on Wednesday, Feb. 12, of cirrhosis of the liver, was held on Saturday. Interment was in Hilltop cemetery, Quechee.

C. S. Lord has returned to Bridgeport, Maine, his former home, and his family will soon follow.

NORWICH.

John Goddard, a former resident here, was recently killed by a falling tree at Union Village.

An entertainment will be given by the W. C. T. U. at the vestry Tuesday evening, Feb. 25.

The schools closed Friday for a vacation of four weeks.

HUMOR FOUND IN HEADLINES

Austrian Paper Says "Bride Appeared in Smart White Frock of Blue—Other Oddities."

"The bride," says an Austrian paper, "appeared in a smart white frock of pale blue linen."

A newspaper headline runs: "Mother of Eighty Complaints." Don't wonder at it. Our own missus finds even one troublesome.

The latest Irish ball: "It looks as if she had saddled herself with a veritable white elephant."—Dublin paper.

A Missouri lawyer, in pleading a life's divorce case, stated that her husband "undertook to poison her without just cause."

From a South Dakota journal: "The bride in a refined young lady of culture, as also is Mr. Smith."

From the Oxford Register: "The zoo is open again. It was closed a few days on account of the pet pig swallowing a stick of dynamite."

In the present high cost of living thanks are due to the Cordon Republic for this helpful recipe: "To keep ants away from the refrigerator, the wooden strings around each leg, saturated with turpentine."—Boston Transcript.

An Arduous Role.

"Duckfutz was a boarding house humorist for a long time, but he finally had to retire in favor of a younger man."

"What was the cause?"

"Well, when he was twenty-one Duckfutz found no difficulty in playing the part, but when he began to get along in years he felt it was impossible to scintillate at breakfast, he was compelled to dodge lunch and only by the greatest effort could he provide a bit of repartee for dinner."

PLEASURABLE ANTICIPATION.

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The Olanquene Savings Bank

Woodstock, Vermont

INCORPORATED 1847

DEPOSITS JAN. 1, 1913 \$2,063,885.60

SURPLUS 178,268.74

TOTAL ASSETS \$2,242,154.34

TRUSTEES

F. S. Mackenzie Charles H. Maxham
Henry W. Walker William S. Hewitt
William S. Dewey Fred K. C. Southgate
Charles F. Chapman

This bank is now paying 4 per cent. interest on deposits.

Deposits made during the first ten days of January and July draw interest from the first of these months. Deposits made during the first five days of other months draw interest from the first of the month.

Interest will be credited to depositors January 1 and July 1, compounding twice a year.

The Vermont Legislature has repealed the law restricting deposits in any one savings bank to \$2000.00. This bank can now pay interest on individual deposits of any amount and all taxes will be paid by the bank. Nothing will be reported to the listers for taxation.

Safe Deposit Boxes to Rent

E. A. SPEAR



Latest Methods of Embalming.
Night calls promptly attended to.

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Woodstock Vermont

Sunday Services.

Universalist—Rev. H. L. Canfield, pastor; morning service at 10:30, Sunday school at 11:45.

Congregational—Rev. Benjamin Swift, pastor. Morning service at 10:30, Sunday school at 11:50. Young People's society of Christian Endeavor at 7:30. Thursday evening prayer meeting at 7:30.

Methodist Episcopal—Rev. F. T. Clark, pastor. Services Sunday. Preaching, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 11:45 a. m.; Thursday prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.; Sunday evening meeting, 7:00.

Catholic—Rev. H. J. Maillet, pastor. Mass at 11 a. m.; evening service at 7:30.

Services will be held the second and fourth Sunday of each month at Village hall, Quechee, at 9 o'clock, and at Barnard, at the town hall, on the second Sunday of each month at 9 o'clock.

St. James Church—Rev. R. LeBlanc Lynch, rector. Morning Prayer and Sermon 10:30 a. m. Holy Communion on first Sunday in the month after Morning Prayer. Sunday School at noon. Evening Prayer and sermon 5 p. m. All are welcome.

Christian—Pastor, Rev. E. R. Phillips. Services Sunday. Preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 12:15; S. C. E. at 3 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 7:30 p. m.; mid-week prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m.

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